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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Amended): A ~~cleaning~~ method of cleaning an alumina titanium carbide electronic component comprising ~~wherein an object to be cleaned is cleaned by~~ bringing a sponge member into contact with the alumina titanium carbide object to be cleaned while supplying, to said alumina titanium carbide object to be cleaned, water containing carbon dioxide gas having a resistivity value of less than 5 M Ω .

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Previously Amended): A ~~cleaning~~ method of cleaning an alumina titanium carbide electronic component according to claim 1, wherein said sponge member is separated from said alumina titanium carbide object to be cleaned during cleaning, and said water is supplied also to said separated sponge member.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

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Claim 5 (Original): A ~~cleaning~~ method of cleaning an alumina titanium carbide electronic component according to claim 1, wherein said alumina titanium carbide object to be cleaned is a ceramic wafer.

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Original): A ~~cleaning~~ method of cleaning an alumina titanium carbide electronic component according to claim 3, wherein said alumina titanium carbide object to be cleaned is a ceramic wafer.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Original): A ~~cleaning~~ method of cleaning an alumina titanium carbide electronic component ~~comprising wherein an object to be cleaned is soaked~~ soaking in cleaning water having the resistivity value of 10M Ω or less an alumina titanium carbide object to be cleaned before cleaning.

Claim 10 (Previously Amended): A ~~cleaning~~ method of cleaning an electronic component according to any one of claims 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9, wherein said alumina titanium carbide object to be